

1. (Original) A double hung window comprising:

an upper pane and a lower pane, said lower pane including a pivoting latch member, and said upper pane including a keeper, said keeper having a tongue for selectively receiving said pivoting latch member to prevent vertical movement between said upper and lower pane, said pivoting latch member being movable to an open position at which said upper and lower panes may move relative to each other; and

said keeper including a force-applying surface providing a generally elongate surface for providing a downward force to said upper pane, said generally elongate surface being attached to said keeper.

2. (Original) A double hung window as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said force-applying surface and said tongue are integrally formed.

3. (Original) A double hung window as set forth in Claim 2, wherein said keeper and said force-applying surface are provided by a generally u-shaped member, with said generally u-shaped member having downwardly extending legs and a central web, said tongue and said force-applying surface being provided along said central web.

4. (Original) A double hung window as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said elongate surface is curved along a radius such that an axis of said radius extends generally parallel to a surface of glass in said upper pane of said double hung window.

5. (Original) A double hung window according to Claim 1, wherein said tongue extends along a first distance, and said force-applying surface extends along a second distance, with said second distance being more than twice said first distance.

6. (Original) A keeper for use in a double hung window comprising:
a generally U-shaped member having a pair of downwardly extending legs connected by a central web, said central web having an inwardly facing surface with a tongue for receiving a latch from a latch mechanism associated with a pane on a window; and
said central web having an upwardly facing force-applying surface with a slight radius of a curvature for receiving a downward force to move a window pane receiving said keeper in a vertical direction.

7. (New) A keeper for use in a double hung window comprising:
a tongue for receiving a latch from a latch mechanism associated with a pane on a window; and
an elongate force-applying surface for providing a downward force to said tongue and a pane receiving said keeper.

8. (New) A keeper as recited in Claim 7, wherein said force-applying surface and said tongue are integrally formed as a single part.

9. (New) A keeper as recited in Claim 7, wherein said force-applying surface extends along a generally planar dimension for a distance greater than a distance through which said tongue extends.